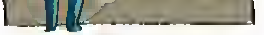
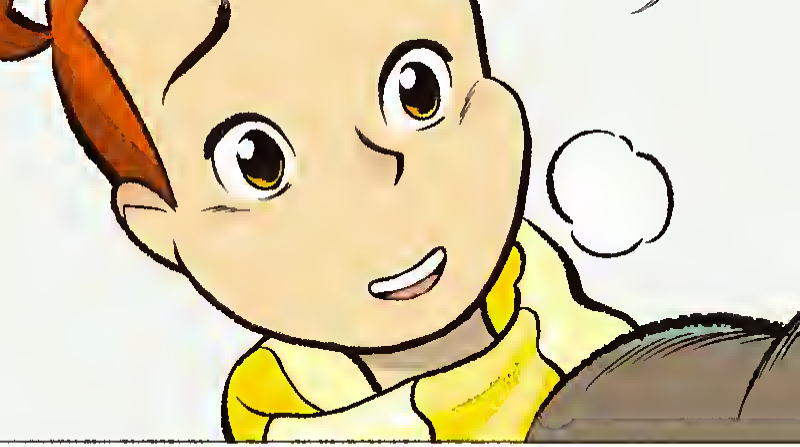
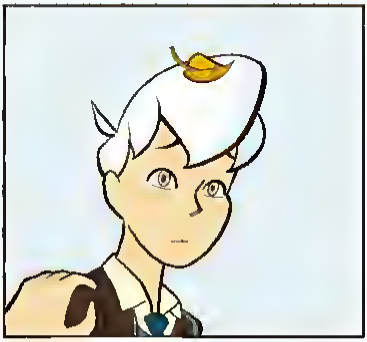
I
almost couldn't
believe it happened,
but whenever I checked
my palm there was that
face you drew, smiling
up at me.



I get the sense he's going to stay there all day and wait for me.





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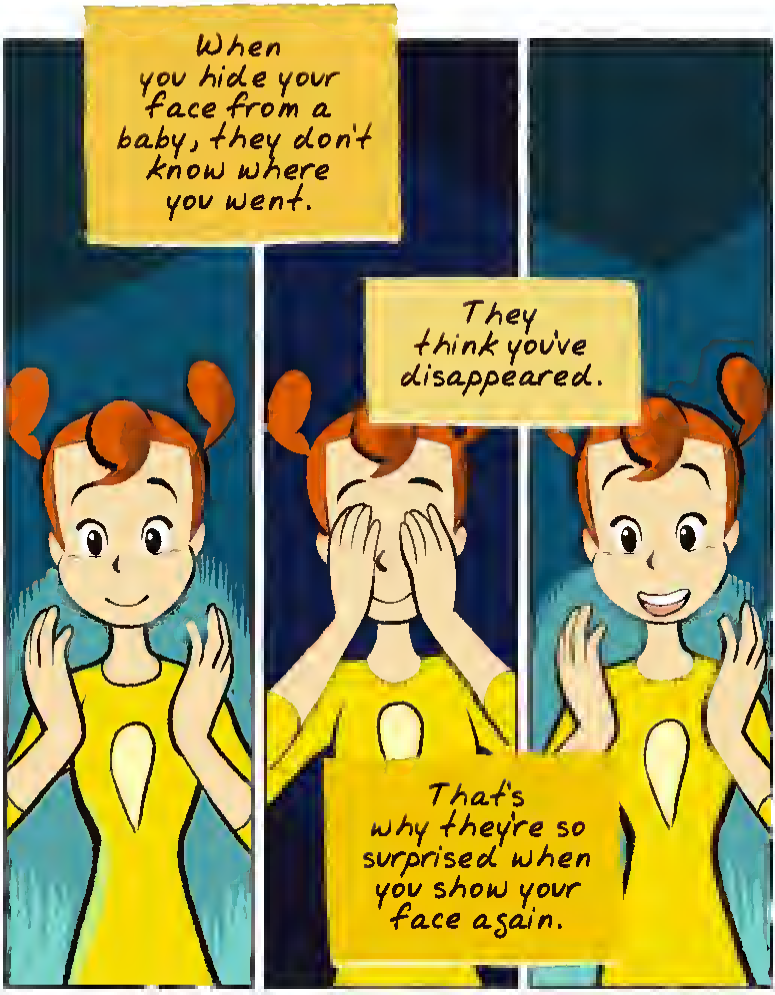
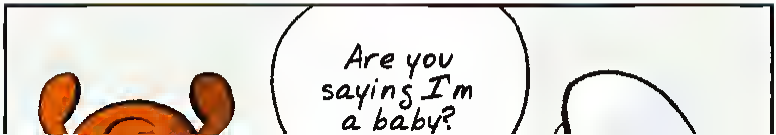
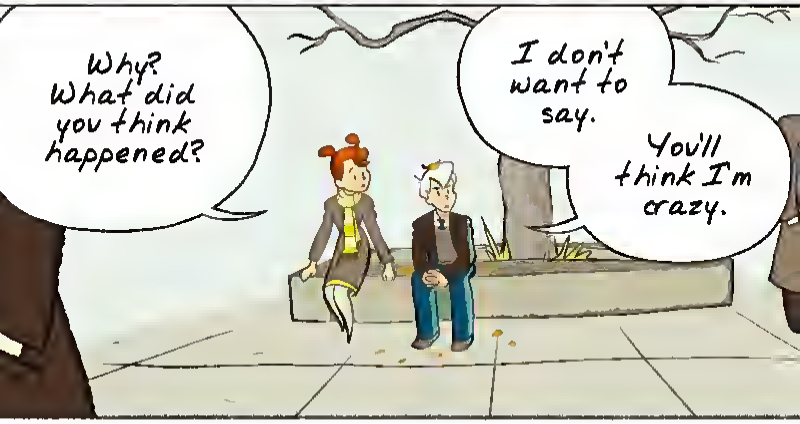
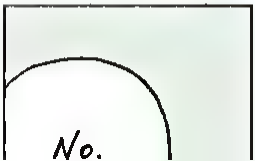

When you hide your face from a baby, they don't know where you went.
They think you've disappeared.
That's why they're so surprised when you show your face again.


Are you saying I'm a baby?

never see you again.


Why? What did you think happened?
I don't want to say.
You'll think I'm crazy.

Sorry.
Did I freak you out?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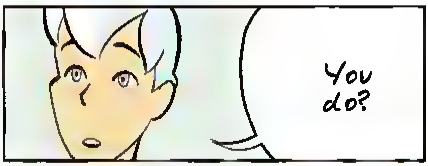

You do?

Yeah.
I used to live on a mining colony out in deep space.
I grew up there with my two best friends.

But then one day my dad got fired and--
HEY!

looking?

I want to hear more about your life on the mining colony.

And about your friends.

Really?

Absolutely.

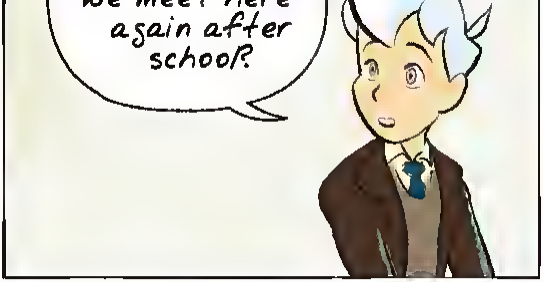
How about

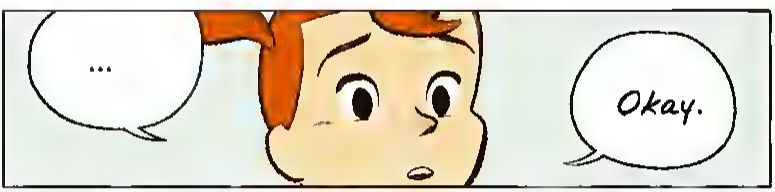
It's okay.
You can tell me.

left wondering if what you had was just an illusion, because it's hard to believe something real could vanish so easily.

LINE Webtoon

Yes.
A little.


again after
school?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Okay.

ever seeing you again.

But now here you are, defying all my doubts with your very existence.

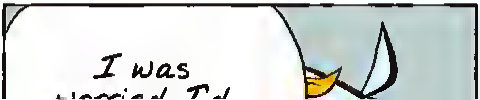
past couple days.

Oh.

What's wrong?

Nothing.
I just got a bit worried.

You were worried about me?

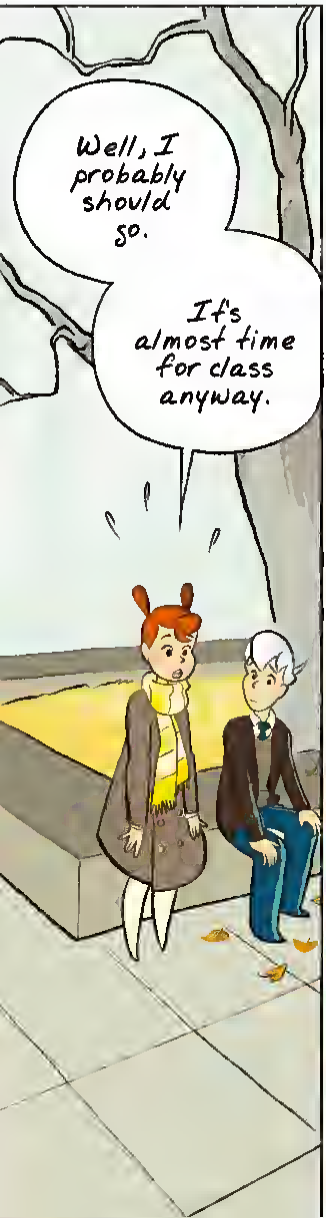

I was

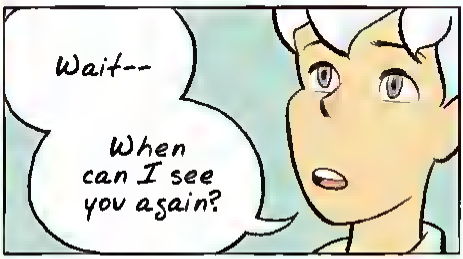
But then you weren't in class the next day, and the day after that, and the day after that, and the doubts started creeping in.

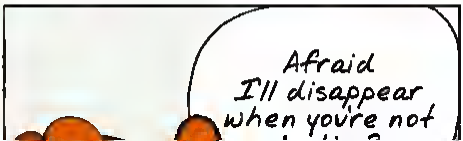
I started wondering if I just made you up.

I thought maybe I couldn't handle being alone in the Nothing and invented someone to talk to.

It wouldn't have been the first time.


Well, I probably should so.
It's almost time for class anyway.


Wait--
When can I see you again?

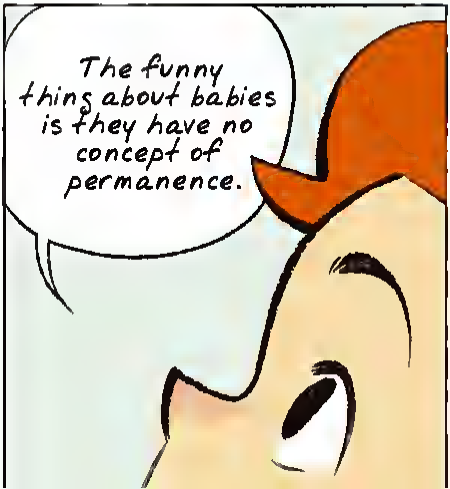

Afraid I'll disappear when you're not

You...

...you have a leaf on your head.

Have you ever played peek-a-boo with a baby?

Yeah.
A long time ago.


The funny thing about babies is they have no concept of permanence.

...I was afraid you didn't exist anymore.

You got to understand-- that conversation we had in the art room was so strange to me. So surreal.

You appeared out of nowhere and then disappeared just as quick.

I know what that's like.

Hey Space Cadets! Thanks for reading! If you're enjoying Space Boy please give the comic a starred review!

Unfortunately, next week there will be no new episode of Space Boy. I've fallen behind and need to catch up. Please be patient with me!

However,

Sometimes you lose people in an instant.

Sometimes you lose your whole world in an instant.

And you're

I
leave
for class
but Oliver
remains
seated
underneath
the
leafless
tree.

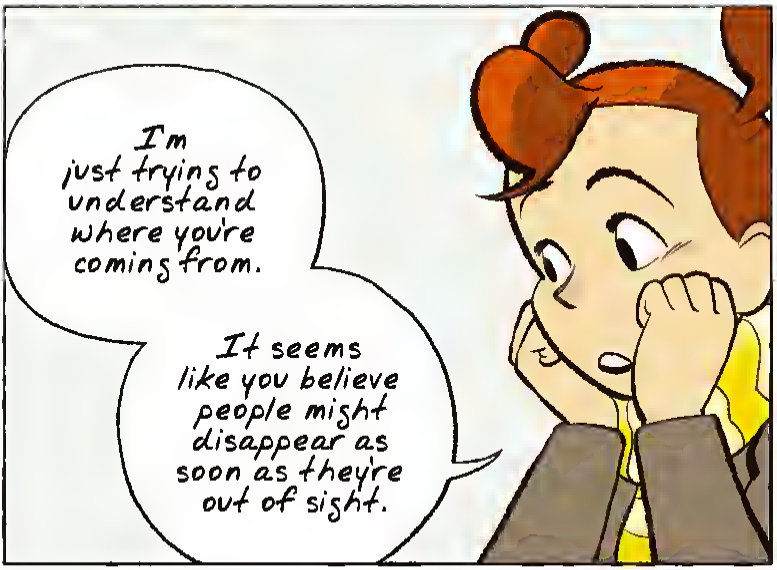
Look--
the drawing
you made on my
hand is almost
all rubbed
off.

I was
just about
to give up on

just because there won't be a new comic next week doesn't mean there won't be new content! Leave me questions in the comments below and I'll pick a few to answer with some simple illustrations. Also, send in your fan art! I'll showcase it!

Thanks for your support and encouragement! See you next week!

I guess.
ha ha

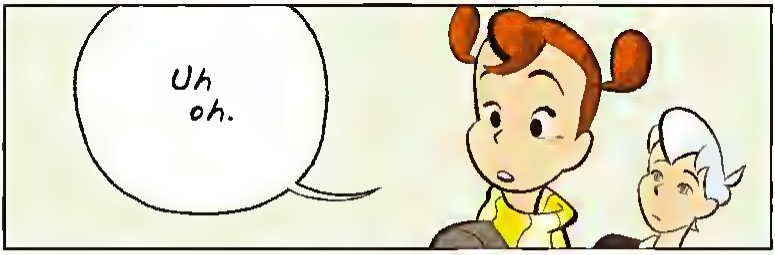

I'm just trying to understand where you're coming from.
It seems like you believe people might disappear as soon as they're out of sight.

I do believe that.
That's probably one of the few things I'm certain about.

Why?

I've been out sick for the

Who messed up my leaf pile?


Uh oh.

Was it YOU?!
Huh?